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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY

Esteemed delegates,

The Communist Party of Turkey sends heartfelt the greetings to your great congress – the General Congress of your association.

This forum demonstrates that the struggle our people are waging for democracy, national independence and a happy future is closely bound to the struggle conducted by the peoples of the world for a lasting peace.

Your General Congress is an important event in the political life of our people. The ideal of peace is being spread among wide sections of society. The struggle for peace is assuming a mass, organised character. Our people's traditions of struggle for peace, democracy and national independence are being renewed.

Your Congress, this national forum, is meeting in an extremely important period for our motherland and our people. They are faced with great dangers. For long years, the bourgeoisie, the ruling circles and their governments have tied Turkey to imperialist blocs and NATO. This is the main factor accelerating the crisis and ruin. The fascist escalation and violent attacks have their roots here.

The expansionist imperialists and the American circles at the head of NATO are torpedoing world peace and sabotaging the process of detente. They are organising constant provocations in order to bring matters to a head in our region, in the Middle East and, in particular, in the Eastern part of the Mediterranean. These imperialist circles, first and foremost the American imperialists, want to impose on the world the neutron bomb, weapons of mass human destruction. They do not want to halt the arms build up. They want to use the aggressive bases they have constructed on Anatolian land, on our land, to carry out the barbarous plans they have drafted.

Nationwide resistance against these imperialist plans is the most sacred duty. It is a struggle against fascist escalation, against cold-war provocations and preparations for war, against war. Our people, workers peasants, tradesmen, intellectuals, men, women and youth are devoting their lives to the struggle for a government and an order of peace, democratic development and national independence. This forum of the Peace Association is concerned with these most basic demands of our people. There is no doubt that this General Congress will adopt decisions in this direction.

We wish your Congress great successes in its work.

26 February 1978

The Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE 10TH GENERAL CONGRESS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH

The 10th General Congress of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) completed its work in Berlin, the capital city of the German Democratic Republic, on the 1st of March. In the Congress, progressive and patriotic youth adopted important documents for the strengthening of unity in the anti-imperialist struggle.

The Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), from Turkey participated in the 10th Congress of the WFDY for the first time. It took an active part in the work of various commissions. In the course of the Congress, 30 progressive organisations, among them İGD, became members of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

The socialist countries first and foremost, and many communist and workers' parties sent messages to the 10th General Congress of the WFDY, wishing the youth successes in the anti-imperialist struggle.

The message of Comrade İ. Bilen, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, to the WFDY Congress went as follows:

Dear representatives of world youth,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, I send heartfelt greetings to the 10th Congress of the World Federation of Democratic Youth meeting in the capital of the German Democratic Republic, Berlin.

Your Congress, which is concerned with the militant unity of world youth against imperialism, fascism, militarism and racism, is further strengthening the ranks of the youth who are struggling for peace, disarmament, national independence, democracy and socialism.

The progressive youth of Turkey are fighting against American imperialism, NATO, and military bases on our land, against aggression by reactionary, fascist forces and the merciless exploitation of local-foreign monopolies. They are participating in this Congress shoulder to shoulder with the youth of the socialist countries, the peace-loving, progressive youth of the capitalist countries, and the fighters for freedom and liberation of Africa, Asia and Latin America. They are proving that they are an inseparable part of world democratic youth.

We wish great successes to your 10th Congress, an important stage for the world democratic youth movement.

İ. Bilen

General Secretary
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

25 February 1978

**TO COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY**

Esteemed Comrade Bilen,

Please accept my thanks to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and to yourself personally for the message of congratulations which you have sent for my 65th birthday.

I wish you and all communists of Turkey many successes in the struggle you are waging for a new, progressive and just order in your country. I believe that the fraternal relations of cooperation between our parties will also develop with success.

With communist greetings,

Gustav Husak,
General Secretary, Central Committee
Communist Party of Czechoslovakia
President of the Socialist Republic
of Czechoslovakia

Prague
2 February 1978

THE RESULTS OF THE POLICY OF DEPENDENCE ON IMPERIALISM

The policy of dependence on imperialism has seriously aggravated the economic, political and social crises in our country. In the second half of February, delegations from America and from the countries of Western Europe invaded our country to conduct new negotiations imposing this ruinous policy on Turkey.

On the 20th of February, a delegation led by Nimetz, and advisor of the American Foreign Ministry, came to Turkey. The delegation also included James Siona, responsible for European and NATO affairs in the American War Ministry. In the same period, the Chairman of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, Ludwig Fellermaier, arrived in Ankara in order to raise political cooperation between the Common Market and Turkey to a higher level. Both delegations demanded acceptance of the demands made on Turkey by the IMF, the financial centre of international imperialism. They demanded an immediate agreement with the IMF. The imperialist circles obtained the resumption of negotiations with the IMF.

Immediately following this, and in accordance with the demands of the IMF, the Turkish currency was devalued by 30%. This secured new possibilities for imperialist and local monopolies. The devaluation will not solve the foreign trade deficit which is approaching 4 billion: This measure means to increase Turkey's dependence on imperialism, worsen the severe living conditions of the working masses and annul an important section of the rights achieved by the working class in collective bargaining.

The Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) is showing the only way out of

the crisis: putting an end to dependence on imperialism and its economic, political and military organisations, stopping the arms race, taking possession of our national wealth, breaking the domination of local and foreign capital and carrying out radical changes that will benefit the working people.



NEW ADVANCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS

In recent days important advances have been made in the development of good-neighbourly relations and many-sided cooperation with all Turkey's neighbours, in particular with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria.

In the second half of February a delegation which included Sergey Pavlov, the Chairman of the Sports Committee of the USSR, and Mirza İbrahimov, the Uzbekistan Minister of Sports, came to Turkey. In the official discussions that took place the desire for development of sport, scientific and cultural relations between the two countries was voiced. It was pointed out that such cooperation would strengthen good-neighbourly relations and benefit the peoples of both countries. Also in the second half of February, Turkey and Bulgaria signed a new programme of scientific and cultural cooperation for the years 1978-1979.

A statement of Prime Minister Ecevit declared that Turkey and the Soviet Union will work for the development of good-neighbourly relations between the two countries. The press reported that during the visit Ecevit will make to the Soviet Union the two countries will sign a Political Document.

All of these are advances in the development of good-neighbourly and friendly relations with our neighbours, in particular with the Soviet Union. However, the extension of these relations from the economic to the political sphere will ensure a more reliable development of many-sided cooperation between the two countries and will contribute to efforts to strengthen peace in our region. Such a development will constitute a successful application of the Helsinki Final Document. The development of the rich friendship and relations of cooperation which formerly existed between Turkey and the Soviet Union is beneficial to our people and our national security. The TKP, our people and the working class, progressive forces and organisations of Turkey will support every step, every effort made in this direction.

THE PROGRESSIVE YOUTH OF TURKEY PROTEST THE NEUTRON BOMB

The International Students' Union's 24th of February call to progressive youth of the whole world to undertake new actions in the struggle against the neutron bomb evoked a wide response among the progressive, patriotic youth of Turkey. Following this call, meetings and demonstrations were organised in Istanbul and Ankara by the efforts of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD). Other democratic organisations also participated in these actions which made a strong protest against American imperialism's strivings to produce the neutron bomb, a weapon of mass human destruction. Many progressive organisations and workers' trades unions announced that they will support "No to the neutron bomb!" demonstrations.

This struggle being waged on a nationwide scale, shoulder to shoulder with world youth, opposes American imperialism and its aggressive organisation, NATO, and demands the annulment of the enslaving bilateral agreements. A demonstration was held in front of the American embassy in Istanbul. Posters and placards denouncing the neutron bomb were posted. In Ankara, a demonstration was held in Atatürk Boulevard. The youth who posted "No to the neutron bomb" placards at a construction site in the boulevard then formed into a march. The slogan shouted in all the marches and demonstrations in Istanbul and Ankara were: "Peace, Friendship and Solidarity", "No to the neutron bomb", "Out of NATO and CENTO"

In Ankara, police attacked the demonstration and beat several youths with their truncheons. Ten youths were arrested.

At a press conference connected with the anti-neutron bomb demonstrations, the General Secretary of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), Saçlı, said that all peace forces in the world are waging a common struggle against the neutron bomb. He said that the struggle for peace cannot be separated from the struggle against imperialism and fascism. Declaring that the struggle against the neutron bomb is the most important part of the struggle for disarmament, Saçlı demanded that this weapon be kept out of Turkey.

This movement of the progressive youth of Turkey shows that the struggle of youth against imperialism and fascism, for peace national independence and social liberation has reached a mature level in our country. The patriotic youth of Turkey, its organisation, İGD, are calling all progressive youth to unite around the working class in this struggle.